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### Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

#### **Call to Order and Introductions**

The regular meeting of the First Things First – La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council was held **October 28th, 2010** at 9:00 a.m. at the Lake Havasu Unified School District Board Room, 2200 Havasupai Blvd. Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86403.

Chairman Allsbrooks called the meeting to order at 9:06a.m. Council members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

**Members present:** William Allsbrooks, Jose Garcia, Terri Holloway, Vijette Saari, Riley Frei, Alisa Burroughs, and Debra Weger

**Members Absent:** Nancy Mongeau, Betsy Lewis, Melissa Howell, Lenore Knudtson

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Member Frei made a motion to approve the day's agenda. Motion was seconded by Member Holloway. Motion passed unanimously by members present.

#### **Conflict of Interest**

No Council Members declared a conflict of interest regarding items on the agenda.

#### **Call to the Public**

There were three requests to speak for the Call to the Public. They are as follows:

1. Rich Miers from the Interagency Council stated he does not believe Proposition 302 will pass. Regardless, he wanted to thank Coordinator Beckett and the Council for their work stating it has made a difference in local programs and the lives of children and families in the La Paz/Mohave Region.
2. Margaret Taylor from Association of Supportive Child Care advised the Council that she has NO on 302 door hangers along with various other materials at her office if anyone needs them.
3. Dr. Peggy Federicci from Mohave Community College advised the Council she was disappointed that additional TEACH scholarships are not being recommended for SFY 2012. Dr. Federicci briefly summarized the need for TEACH scholarships and respectfully asked the Council to reconsider funding additional scholarships in 2012.

#### **Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda included the minutes of September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. Member Holloway made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Member Garcia. Motion carried unanimously by members present.

#### **Second Read and Possible Approval of Governance Policies**

Coordinator Beckett advised the Council that the proposed Governance Policies are essentially the same with the exception of the change to the delivery of the meeting packets. Packets will now be delivered via electronic mail 7 days prior to Council meetings instead of ten days prior by mail. Hard copies will be provided to Council Members at the Council meetings. The second change that was proposed during the first read regarding ascension of the vice chair seat will remain the same with no changes. Motion made by Member Garcia to approve the Governance Policy with one change as stated. Motion seconded by member Weger. Motion passed unanimously by members present.

#### **Review SFY 2010 Final Expenditures and Year End Data**

Coordinator Beckett referred the Council to Attachment 3 showing final 2010 year end expenditures. Final reimbursements were processed and approximately 2.5 million dollars was expended for FY2010. Coordinator Beckett pointed out that one contract for FY2010 is not yet reconciled therefore a credit in the amount of approximately \$122,643 is anticipated for SFY 2011. There is also a carryover amount being brought into the current fiscal year of approximately 1.5 million dollars. Coordinator Beckett also reviewed the programmatic data for SFY 2010 and highlighted several areas for the Council including the following:

*Home visitation*- 311 families received home visitation services including 262 children who received developmental screening.

*Childcare providers*- 15 centers and 10 homes received planning, expansion or quality grants which impacted 600 children.

*Preventative Health Screenings*- 402 children received vision, hearing and developmental screenings.

*Court Teams*- 23 training sessions were held with an average of 34 professionals in attendance.

*Association for Supportive Child Care*- 24 training sessions were held serving a total of 615 professionals.

Coordinator Beckett advised the Council that this is evidence of the important work FTF is doing and congratulated the grantees for the extraordinary services they are providing in the community. Chair Allsbrooks questioned if the number of families served is duplicated from quarter to quarter. Coordinator Beckett advised the home visiting numbers indicate the total case load at the end of each quarter, and that each quarter some families remain in services, some drop and some new are added, but that the year-end numbers are non-duplicated families. Chair Allsbrooks stated FTF and the Council has received negative attention regarding funds not being expended swiftly enough and is pleased to see documented proof of the work the Council and grantees are accomplishing.

#### **SFY 2012 Funding Plan Development**

The Funding Plan Workgroup consisting of Coordinator Beckett and Council members Mongeau, Holloway, and Burroughs convened and reviewed the current strategies as well as the 2010 Needs & Assets Report. Coordinator Beckett provided the Council with a handout summarizing those discussions. Recommendations from the Funding Plan Workgroup are to continue the current funding with the following modifications:

1. Increase funding for the pre-kindergarten expansion strategy.
2. Add a strategy to recruit occupational/speech language pathologists and physical therapists to the region.
3. Reduce funding to the media campaign; however, continue funding for community outreach and awareness.
4. Reinstate the food insecurity strategy.

Council held discussion regarding the recommendations. Chair Allsbrooks stated he feels the recommendations are right on target and commended the workgroup for doing a wonderful job. Motion made by member Frei to approve the 2010 funding plan. Motion seconded by member Garcia. Motion passed unanimously by members present.

#### **Coordinator Report & Possible Discussion**

Coordinator Beckett thanked Della Gray, Community Outreach Liaison, for her outreach efforts and gave a brief list of the events Ms. Gray has attended recently. Coordinator Beckett also acknowledged member Holloway and member Mongeau for participating in the Big Check presentation. Coordinator Beckett provided a brief explanation of the 2010 Annual Report and advised it is available on line at FTF's website. Coordinator Beckett explained the Court Team is highlighted in the report as a success story. Coordinator Beckett advised the Council that they are invited to the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Cultural Awareness Conference on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Information regarding registration for this event was emailed to Council members last week. Coordinator Beckett reminded the Council that next Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is Election Day and encouraged everyone to vote.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is at 9:00 am on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> in Mohave Valley at the Fort Mojave Education Center, located at 1599 Plantation Rd., Mohave Valley, AZ 86440.

#### **Adjourn**

Member Garcia made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Member Holloway. Motion carried unanimously by members present.

There being no further business, Chairman Allsbrooks adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

**Minutes** **NOT** approved

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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S. Jo Griffis, Administrative Assistant

**APPROVED BY:**

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William Allsbrooks, Chair